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1. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, GENERAL SILVA CARDOSO, TOLD ME THAT EARLY IN MARCH HE HAD ASKED FOR UN OBSERVERS. HE SENT THE REQUEST TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN LISBON FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE UN. HE WAS NOT AT THAT TIME CONCERNED ABOUT VIOLENCE, AS THE LATEST ROUND OF FIGHTING HAD NOT OCCURRED. HE WAS MORE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING AN IMPARTIAL OPINION THAT THE PORTUGUESE WERE INDEED APPLYING THE ALVOR AGREEMENT IN A FAIR AND BALANCED FASHION.

2. THE GENERAL LIVES HIS JOB AND IS INTENSELY CONCERNED LEST ONE OF THE MOVEMENTS CONSIDER HIM BIASED. HE CONSTANTLY REMINDS THEM TO SPEAK UP IF THEY THINK HE HAS BEEN UNFAIR IN ANY INSTANCE. SO FAR, NONE HAS ACCUSED HIM OF PARTIALITY. STILL, HE WANT A NEUTRAL OPINION, HENCE THE REQUEST TO THE UN. AS IT TURNS OUT THE UN/OAU TEAM WILL BE LOOKING INTO THE RECENT FIGHTING, BUT I AM CERTAIN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK AN OPINION ON THE ROLE OF THE PORTUGUESE.

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